

A<sup>2</sup> 20. (amended) A method according to claim 18 wherein concentrate from the pneumatic flotation cell is sent to a final concentrate stream with the tailings from the pneumatic flotation cell being fed to the remainder of the flotation circuit.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-15 and 20.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Brian Batzli (Reg. No. 32,960), at (612) 336-4755.

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